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LB 540, 541, 542,
534, 518

CLERK: 31 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to introduce.

PRESIDENT: The request is granted.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills for introduction. Read title to LB 540, 541, and 542. Mr. President, Public Works Committee gives notice that they will hold a public hearing in the East Chamber at 12:30 today. It's just a reminder on LB 534. A motion to amend Rule 2, Section 7. (Read motion found on page 1577, made by Senator Merz). This will be referred to the Rules Committee.

PRESIDENT: The proposed rule has been referred to the Rules Committee. Senator Lewis has contacted his doctor already.

CLERK: That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Special order.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 518. There is pending before the Legislature a motion offered by Senator Burrows, it is found on page 1537 of the Journal. Senator Newell has offered another motion to amend the Burrows amendment to strike \$100 thousand and insert \$300 thousand.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell. Senator DeCamp, we have a whole series of Senator Newell amendments which have priority over yours, but he is delayed enroute. He had a flat tire.

SENATOR DeCAMP: What bill are we on?

PRESIDENT: 518. You have an amendment. Are you prepared to take it up at this time?

SENATOR DeCAMP: We'll do it on Select File.

PRESIDENT: Then you want to pass yours on General. Senator Frank Lewis, you also have an amendment up here. Would you like to take it up now? Alright. Mr. Clerk, would you read Senator Frank Lewis' amendment. Is Senator Burrows.... Senator Burrows, Senator Newell has an amendment to your amendment. Since he's not here, does it meet with your approval that we pass over that temporarily?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, that would meet with my approval.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator Burrows.

CLERK: Read Frank Lewis amendment found on page 1577 of the Journal.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I will say what I initially said in terms of this tax, something needs to be resolved in regard to personal property tax. It is unfair. I talked to a number of people the last three or four weeks in terms of the problems over the past several years as it relates to tax on inventory, and tax on cattle, and tax on machinery. The objection I've had since the inception of this tax is the method in which it's distributed. The money... and I sent you around at least four or five print-outs and you ought to read them very carefully, you ought to look at those and see where the money is going. The money, primarily is coming out of Douglas, Sarpy, Lancaster, Lincoln, Hall, Scottsbluff, those particular populated counties, and being redistributed. Some